

# CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

## *State of the Science on Phosphate Mining and the Environment*

**28-29 March 2011, at Punta Gorda, Florida**

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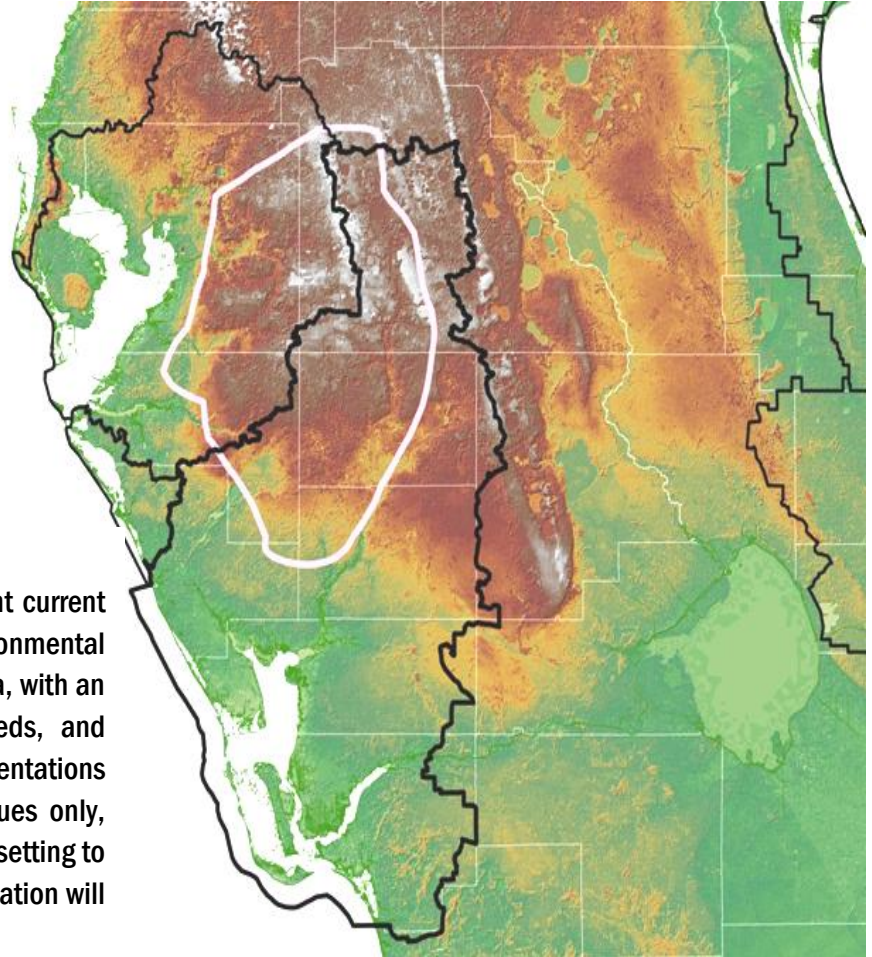


### **Presentation Topics**

Water Quality, Ecosystems, Wetland Hydrology, Soil Structure, Water Supply, Human Health, Economic Impacts, State and Local Permitting, and related topics.

### **Conference Purpose & Goals**

This *State of the Science* Conference aims to present current and detailed scientific information about the environmental effects and reclamation of phosphate mining in Florida, with an emphasis on revealing data gaps, information needs, and conclusions from existing studies or research. Presentations will focus on scientific, economic, and technical issues only, with an overview of the broader issues and geographic setting to be discussed as the first presentation. Existing information will be featured, as well as emerging site-specific studies.



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**Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, 75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950**

This *State of the Science Conference* will precede the Charlotte Harbor Watershed Summit by the National Estuary Program, to be held there the following days, 30-31 March. This conference also is a separate event from the prior public scoping meeting initiated by the Corps of Engineers, to be held there 25 March for the phosphate mining Area-Wide Environmental Impact Statement (AEIS).

### **Agenda**

The final conference agenda will be circulated via email and posted under EVENTS at the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program website ([www.chnep.org](http://www.chnep.org))

### **Lodging**

Many hotels are nearby this waterfront conference facility ([www.charlotteharbortravel.com](http://www.charlotteharbortravel.com)). Government rates may be available.

### **Registration**

Participation is *FREE* and registration is not required, but participants are requested to register via the CHNEP website to assure sufficient seating and refreshments. The meeting room has WiFi internet coverage. Discussions during the conference are intended to focus on scientific and technical issues, considering that the Watershed Summit and AEIS scoping meetings are held separately.

### **For More Information**

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